

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS
Board Meeting
February 15 and 16, 2007**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Directed KBN staff to convene an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on KBN/Healthcare Facility Collaboration to discuss issues of mutual concern regarding violations of the *Kentucky Nursing Laws*.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Galen College of Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing Program, Louisville:

- Accepted the December 7 and 8, 2006 Survey Visit Report for adherence to regulations pursuant to the first graduating class.
- Accepted the requirements be met as stated in the December 7 and 8, 2006 Survey Visit Report.
- Accepted the modifications to the current curriculum.
- Directed that the program submit a response within four (4) weeks of the February 16, 2007 Board meeting, to include a timeline for the correction of each "requirement to be met" identified in this report. Agreed that all requirements must be met by August 16, 2007 with a final report as to the final resolution of each identified requirement.
- Directed that the approval status be changed from Initial to Full.

Morehead State University, Associate Degree Nursing Program:

- Accepted the application to establish an extension program in Mt. Sterling.
- Directed that the educational requirements as outlined in 201 KAR 20:310.1.3(b) be waived for Susan Sommerfeldt for one academic year with the understanding that she will submit an academic plan to the Education Consultant no later than March 16, 2007 for how the academic qualifications will be met.

Spencerian College, Practical Nursing Program, Louisville:

- Directed that the program submit a response to the recommendations outlined within the report for Consultative Visits: 2006 Spencerian College: PN program, within four (4) weeks of the February 16, 2007 Board Meeting or March 16, 2007.
- Directed that the quarterly visits to the program be suspended pending response to the Consultant Report.

Directed that the KBN Executive Director, Education Consultant, and General Counsel initiate a meeting with officials of the Practical Nursing Program at Jefferson Community and Technical College and representatives of Shelby County Campus to discuss requirements of 201 KAR 20:260, Organization administration standards for prelicensure programs of nursing, with the meeting taking place within thirty (30) days from the date of the February 16, 2007 Board meeting.

Directed that pursuant to 201 KAR 20:360, Section 1, Subsection 4, the following programs of nursing with a pass rate of less than 85 percent for one year be issued a letter of concern; and the nurse administrator will be requested to submit an analysis of the cause(s) of the high failure rate on the licensure examination and plans to correct the deficiencies in the future.

- Morehead State University Baccalaureate Program Morehead
- Northern Kentucky University Baccalaureate Program Highland Heights
- Ashland Community & Technical College Associate Program Ashland
- Gateway Community & Technical College Associate Program Edgewood
- Hazard Community & Technical College Associate Program Hazard
- Kentucky State University Associate Program Frankfort
- Southeast KY Community & Technical College Associate Program Cumberland

- West KY Community & Technical College Associate Program..... Paducah
- Ashland Community & Technical College Practical Nursing..... Ashland
- Big Sandy Community & Technical College..... Practical Nursing..... Paintsville
- Bluegrass Community & Technical College Practical Nursing..... Danville
- Hazard Community & Technical College Practical Nursing..... Hazard
- Laurel Technical College Practical Nursing..... London

Directed that pursuant to 201 KAR 20:360, Section 1, Subsection 5, Western Kentucky University's Associate Degree Nursing Program, with a pass rate of less than 85 percent for two (2) consecutive years, shall be issued a letter of warning, the nurse administrator shall appear before the Board and give a report of the implementation of the plans submitted to the Board the previous year and to present any further analysis and plans to correct the deficiencies as defined. The program will be surveyed by a representative of the Board.

Directed that the Practical Nursing Programs at Gateway Community and Technical College and Spencerian College be moved from Conditional approval status to Full approval status as a result of two years of NCLEX pass rates of 85 percent or better and compliance with KBN education regulations.

Directed that Gateway Community and Technical College's Associate Degree Nursing Program be retained on Initial approval status until after results from the visit required after their first graduates have completed the program.

Directed that Spencerian College's Associate Degree Nursing Program be retained on Conditional approval status.

Directed that, beginning in 2007, NCLEX pass rates will be calculated based on the number of first time candidates that test between January 1 and December 31 with a graduation date of not greater than one year from the time of testing. Re-evaluation of calculation methodology will be completed at the end of 2007.

PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Approved the creation of a workgroup of two Practice Committee members and one Education Committee member to review the document entitled, *Medication Training for Non-Licensed Personnel*, submitted by Melissa Lawson Muse, Children's Alliance, Frankfort. Directed that the workgroup report back to the Practice Committee as to whether the document should be approved by the Board under the requirements listed in 902 KAR 20:320, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Operation and Services [Section 12 (5)(a)2].

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of July 27, 2006, from S. Mercer, RN, Executive Director, Kentucky Nurses Association, Louisville, on the scope of nursing practice in acute care hospital settings.

ALTERNATIVE TO DISCIPLINE FOR PRACTICE AD HOC GROUP

Approved the development of a board philosophy on discipline.

Approved the development of a definition of a minor incident.

Approved the outline of what activities the Board presently undertakes that are consistent with the *Just Culture* philosophy.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Approved thirteen (13) Proposed Decisions as written.